of Electrical Khallasi are lying vacant in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is a fact that eligible candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange are waiting since long and no action has been taken for arranging the tests/interviews as yet; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Institute has reported that 13 posts of Khalasis (Eelectrical/Mechanical/Civil) are lying vacant.

(b) and (c) The posts were notified to the Employment Exchange on the 2nd April, 1986 and nominations of candidates were received from the Employment Exchange in August, 1986. Action has already been initiated to constitute the Selection Committee for holding the interview for the selection.

Central Institute of Vocational Education

876. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently set up a Central Institute of Vocational Education; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of work likely to be undertaken by this Institute?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Information Systems

877. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Centre for Railway Information Systems; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Society sponsored by the Ministry of Railways, named the Centre for Railway Information Systerms (CRIS) has been registered under the Registration of Societies Act. The Society's main objective is to undertake design, development and implementation of a Computer based Freight Operations Information and Control System for Indian Railways, its associated communication network, associated products, other systems for essential Railway applications and services. Minister of State for Railways is the Chairman of its Governing Council and the Executive Director, CRIS, is its Chief Executive. Apart from drawing expertise from the Railways, CRIS will have the freedom to employ outside experts also as may be necessary from time to time.

Advisory panel for new airports

878. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently constituted an Advisory Panel to advice on the construction of new airports and improvements to the existing ones; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Involving practitioners of Indian system of medicine in Family Welfare Programmes

879. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to involve practitioners of Indian systems of medicine in family welfare programmes; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Draft proposal for involving practitioners of Indian system of medicine in Family Welfare Programmes

1. The scheme envisages involvement of the vast human resource of nearly 4 lakh private practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy available mostly in rural areas in the Family Welfare programme. These practitioners being close and easily accessible to the communities they serve, are in a better position to influance the attitude and behaviour of the people.

2. Initially it is proposed to take-up the scheme on an experimental basis in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan comprising of about 2200 block-level PHCs during the 7th Five Year Plan.

3. Under the scheme one private practitioner who will be called 'Key Organiser' possessing leadership qualities and enioying esteem in the communities will be identified for each PHC area. He will be given orientation training on relevant aspects of Family Welfare Programme. This Key Organiser will further identify 15-20 private practitioners from the catchment area of PHC who will also in turn receive the necessary orientation training.

4. It is also proposed that there will be exchange of view-cum-training programme each year for a brief period of 2-3 days for both the Key Organiser as well as the other private practitioners. It is proposed to involve them in the following activities:—

(i) Education

(ii) Motivation

(iii) Follow up care of couples adopting various family planning methods.

(iv) Distribution of Conventional Contraceptives, Oral Pills, iron and Folic Acid Tablets etc.

(v) Involvement in MCH programme.

Ahimsa Express

880. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a memorandum proposing to start Ahimsa Express from Pune to Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?